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## **Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West Announces that Steven A. Torres has joined the firm as a Partner**

Massachusetts – October 15, 2012 – Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC (PLDW) is pleased to announce that Steven A. Torres, former Corporate Counsel for the City of Fall River, MA and City Solicitor for Taunton, MA, has joined PLDW’s Municipal Infrastructure Team as a Partner.

“Steve is a skilled attorney who brings diverse experience to our Municipal Infrastructure Team,” said Teno A. West, PLDW Partner and Principal and the leader of the Municipal Infrastructure Team. “His legal work and credentials in the practice area are impeccable and he brings tremendous talent to our team of attorneys.”

Prior to joining PLDW, Attorney Torres served as a city attorney for four consecutive mayoral administrations in two Massachusetts cities. He was Corporate Counsel for the City of Fall River, responsible for the leadership of many municipal building projects, including design-build-finance-operate emerging technology energy projects, school building and utility design and construction projects. From 2000 until 2009, he served as City Solicitor for the City of Taunton for three mayoral administrations.

Mr. Torres has managed in excess of \$1 billion in project value in the areas of utilities, water and wastewater, transportation, building construction and renewable energy. He has also

negotiated and administered millions of dollars in Tax Increment Finance Agreements for multiple New England cities and towns.

He is an author, editor and lecturer for the Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) organization, and co-edited the Supplement Edition of MCLE's "Massachusetts Municipal Law". Attorney Torres is a sought-after speaker on municipal law and alternative delivery construction project development and financing options and has been a speaker at the Design-Build Institute of America Annual Conference, the International Municipal Lawyers Association, the Solid Waste Association of North America Conference, the Massachusetts Municipal Association and the Massachusetts City Solicitors and Town Counsel Association and other regional organizations.

He earned his J.D. from Suffolk University Law School, *cum laude*, and received his undergraduate degree in computer science from Daniel Webster College. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1987-1990 as a nuclear operations officer. Attorney Torres is admitted to practice law in Massachusetts and is a member of the Massachusetts Bar Association.

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The attorneys and staff at Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC (PLDW) develop practical, cost-effective solutions for their clients. In addition to the practice of law, the firm is very supportive of the communities in which they serve their clients. With offices in Rhode Island, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York and Florida, PLDW has developed a business model that combines international expertise with a more cost-effective delivery system that is based upon a team approach to problem solving with lawyers that are trained in more than one discipline. The primary areas of practice for the firm include administrative, corporate, municipal law, civil litigation, employment law, government relations, real estate, commercial lending, and estate planning and special masterships. The partners demand of themselves and those on the PLDW team, an unparalleled sense of urgency and responsiveness derived from an authentic appreciation for their clients and the community in which they serve. For more information, visit [www.pldw.com](http://www.pldw.com).